MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether the Government received any report from the Municipal Council and whether any site has been selected so far?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No. The Council at first wrote to say that they had asked the Health Officer to select suitable sites. Government since wrote back to them reminding them of their first report, and asked them to say whether any definite step had been actually taken; and they have, on the 30th of March last, that is, about two weeks back, reported that the Municipality has not yet disposed of the matter.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I therefore to understand that, during the last one year, besides correspondence, nothing else has been done?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is not it. The Health Officer might have selected the sites and reported to the Municipality. Only, the Municipality has not so far finally disposed of the matter.

Waiting sheds for travelling public.

125. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the large number of people who are exposed to the sun and rain in the public roads while waiting for buses; and

(*b*) the action taken by them to remove this inconvenience?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*) above.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know from the Government the source from which they got the information that 'the answer is in the negative'?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A report from the Commissioner of Police.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know what that report says?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The report gives the answer in the negative. It also states:

> "People usually take shelter under umbrellas or in the nearest tea shops or buildings; most of the motor stands are in the vicinity of shops or motor booking offices where such shelter is available."

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): So, people now take shelter under their own umbrellas or under banyan trees?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Not that. They take shelter in adjacent tea shops or in motor sheds.

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